

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application. Restriction has been required by the Examiner with respect to these claims.

Responsive to the Requirement for Restriction, the Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-20, drawn to a rubber reinforced structure in the form of a tire and method for formation thereof. This election is made without prejudice to the right of the Applicant to file one or more Divisional Applications upon the non-elected subject matter at a later time, if desired.

As far as the election of a species for purposes of examination is concerned, the Applicant hereby elects a polyamide-series resin (A1), described on pages 25-28 of the specification. The Applicant further elects rubber with a sulfur agent (B3).

Thus, in summary, the Applicant elects claims 1-20 (Group I) as the elected invention and further elects polyamide (A1) as the resin and rubber with a sulfur agent (B3) for prosecution on the merits.

It is noted that rejoinder of claims will be considered by the Examiner upon the allowance of a generic claim.

It appears that claims 1-20 are readable upon the elections made herein.


Favorable action on the merits of claims 1-20 is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Raymond C. Stewart (Registration No. 21,066) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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